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OUTLINES.

The joint note of the Powers to China was signed by the ministers in Pekin yesterday. —— Frank H. Morris, of Ohio, auditor of the War Department, shot and killed by Samuel McDonald, recently a clerk in Morris' office, Washington, D. C. —— The schooner Leaming, from Norfolk for New York, wrecked in the storm of Friday last; crew saved. —— General Gordon, commanding the U. C. V., appoints May 29th for the annual reunion to be held in Memphis, Tenn. —— No developments in the Cudaby kidnapping case. —— The Economy Savings Bank, of Baltimore, has closed its doors. —— Chinese negotiations are regarded in London as a farce. ——The Coffee County Bank, at Manchester, Ky., dynamited and robbed of $5,000; one of the thieves was afterwards captured and the money recovered. —— An important decision in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Co., made by the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, Minn. —— New York markets. —— Money on call steady at 4@6 per cent.; cotton dull, middling uplands 10 5-16c.; flour neglected and nominal; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 78¼c.; corn—spot dull, No. 2 35¼c. at elevator; rosin steady, strained common to good $1.75; spirits turpentine dull at 40½@41c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 22.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 32 degrees; 3 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.82 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 12 feet and rising.

STORM WARNING.

The Weather Bureau sent out a storm warning at 10 o'clock P. M., for all stations between Jacksonville, Fla., and Baltimore. A storm of marked energy over Eastern Iowa was moving east. Winds will become high southerly during Sunday, shifting to southwest at night and northwest Monday.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—For North Carolina—Fair in eastern portion; showers in western portion Sunday; warmer. Monday, probably rain and colder; winds becoming high southeasterly, shifting to northwesterly Monday.

Port Almanac---December 23.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.50 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	8 46 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	11.16 P. M.

They say there are lots of game in Luzon, such as wild hogs, deer, caribou, &c. But our soldiers seem to be principally engaged in "jack-rabbit" chasing.

The city of Buenos Ayres, capital of the Argentine Republic, has a population of something over 800,000, and is one of the progressive up-to-date cities, with all the modern equipments of a great city.

Belgium seems to have the run on railway car building. Last year she exported $11,500,000 worth, which is more than the combined exports of the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France and Austria-Hungary.

The moon has something more than a man up there, after all. A French astronomer has discovered that she has an atmosphere and another Frenchman has discovered that she sports a sure-enough volcano.

Farmer Wondrell, of Pennsylvania, aged 70 years, has suddenly and unexpectedly fallen heir to $3,500,000 of good American money, and he is wondering what in the mischief he will do with that stack of money.

An Omaha man, who fancied that burglar men have no use for bibles, concluded that his bible would make a pretty safe place of deposit and therefore deposited $56 in bills between the leaves. The next time he looked at it he found $25 gone, with a margine note which read: "Thou shalt not steal—more than enough for current expenses." But the experiment may not have been such a bad one after all, for if that money had been somewhere else within reach of the burglar man he might have taken all.

A citizen of Virginia died the other day whose perculiarity was that he had a weakness for sampling as food any sort of varmints. He had eaten rats, frogs, muskrats, cats, dogs, crows, buzzards, hawks, skunks, snakes and almost every other varmint that his section of country afforded and the remarkable thing is that he went on with the sampling for eighty-three years, when he died. He was so wrapt up in his varmints that he forgot all about his children, who left him and forgot all about him.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Dr. Ed. Wood arrived yesterday from Philadelphia.

— Miss Marie Murchison arrived yesterday from New York.

— Mr. Walter Boesch arrived last night from Baltimore.

— Dr. Zachary will spend the holidays at Greenville, S. C.

— Mr. Henry Bowden, of Warsaw, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Sallie McRee returned home last night from Asheville.

— Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Haywood have gone to Newbern to spend Christmas.

— Mr. C. S. Morton left last night for New York to spend Christmas.

— Mr. C. K. Bryan, of Scott's Hill, was a Wilmington visitor yesterday.

— Miss Annette Lewis arrived yesterday and is visiting Miss Annie Kidder.

— Miss Nancy Milton, of Hamilton, Va., is the guest of Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

— Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Borden, of Richmond, are here to spend Christmas.

— Major T. H. McKoy is at home from Hartsville, S. C., to spend the holidays.

— Mr. A. L. Guy, of Orangeburg, S. C., is visiting his brother, Mr. M. E. Guy.

— Miss Martha Williams and Mr. Reed Williams arrived yesterday from New York.

— Mrs. J. D. Nutt left yesterday for Laurinburg to spend the holidays with relatives.

— Prof. and Mrs. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, arrived in the city last night.

— Miss Mary E. Faison, of Kenansville, is visiting the family of Col. W. A. Johnson.

— Dr. and Mrs. Geo. H. West, of Newton, are visiting the family of Mr. H. McL. Green.

— Miss Zola McIntire, of Atlanta, will arrive to-day and will be the guest of Miss Mary Post.

— Miss Lucy Cole, who has been attending college in Virginia, arrived home last evening.

— Misses Mamie and Carrie Hilker, of Goldsboro, are here on a visit to Mrs. Otto Banck.

— Messrs. Markley Croswell and Spears Hicks are at home from Pantops Military Academy.

— Capt. A. W. Wiggs, of McDonald, Robeson county, was a visitor to the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. Sylvester Moore, of Iola, and Mr. Walter Atkinson, of Sloop Point, are visiting in the city.

— Misses Mary and Jane Meares, who have been spending some time in Augusta, have returned home.

— Mrs. W. P. Oldham, Jr., arrived in the city last evening, to visit the family of Capt. W. P. Oldham.

— Mrs. Jas. F. Post and daughters, Misses Mary and Julia, will arrive home to-day, returning from Atlanta.

— Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Carter, of Baltimore, arrived yesterday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt.

— Miss. Grace Burkhead, who has been here on a visit to Mrs. R. C. Merritt, has returned to her home at Whiteville.

— Miss Helen Mabry, of the High School faculty, left yesterday for her home at Ridgeway, N. C., to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Gilbert Voigt is at home from Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Voigt.

— Miss Ida Evans left this morning for Goldsboro to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeLancey Evans, in their temporary home.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Turpentine Farm for sale.
J. VanB. Metts—Insurance.
Vollers & Hashagen—Cigars.
C. C. Carlton—Special notice.
A. Shrier—Cost sale continues.
Atlantic National Bank—Report.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Santa Claus.
S. & B. Solomon.—Christmas tree.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Reward $100.
J. H. LeGwin—Commissioner's sale.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Christmas goods.
New Savings Bank—Something new

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Active man.
Wanted—To sell saw mill.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.

Home Savings Bank.

The Guardian Security, Trust and Deposit Company has introduced home savings banks in its business and is distributing them among its customers. It is a nickel-plated steel bank, with combination lock, and is highly ornamental and convenient. All sizes of coin or paper money can be put into it, and it is a great inducement and help to save small amounts.

Attention is called to the merits of the bank in the advertising columns of this issue.

A called meeting of all the presents in the Silver Novelty Line was held, and all decided to go cheap—at J. T. Burke's, No. 27 South Front street. †

Thirty-two people to wait on you at Rehder's to morrow. †

THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

At Many of the Churches To-day and Tuesday Will Be Most Excellent.

PROGRAMMES ALL ARRANGED

Some of Wilmington's Best Musical Talent Will Lend Their Assistance—There Will Be a Number of Holiday Entertainments to Follow.

The Christmas music in many of the churches this year will be very elaborate and the various choirs have been practicing faithfully for the past few days and all the musical programmes which have been arranged will be splendidly rendered. Some of the churches will have their Christmas music to-day, while others will have it on Christmas morning.

Grace M. E. Church.

At the morning service to day the folowing will be the programme:
Voluntary, "A Christmas Hallelujah," E. S. Lorenz.
Hymn.
Hymn.
Offertory, "To Bethlehem Hasten," E. L. Ashford.
Hymn.
Doxology.
To-night the programme will be:
Voluntary, "Fear Not," E. S. Lorenz.
Hymn.
Hymn.
Offertory, "Christmas"
Hymn.
Doxology.
The members of the choir are: Sopranos, Misses Nora Scott, Lillie Belle McLaurin and Rena Mills; altos, Mrs. W. W. Hodges and Miss Minnie Perdew; tenor, Mr. W. W. Hodges; bassos, Messrs. R. B. Clowe and J. M. Culbreth; directress and pianist, Mrs. M. L. Chasten.

First Baptist Church.

The music to day will be "While the Shepherds Watched," "Joy to the World," "Lord, Thy Glory Fills the Heavens," "Hark, Ten Thousand," and "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night." A splendid choir has been selected. Dr. Blackwell's text at this morning's service will be "Christ's Gifts—Not as the World Giveth Give I Unto You." To-night: "The Two Advents, or the First and Second Coming of Christ."

First Presbyterian Church.

A delightful musical programme has been arranged at the First Presbyterian church for both this morning and evening. The following compose the choir: Mrs. W. L. Latta, soprano; Mrs. E. G. Woody, alto; Mr. C. V. Motte, tenor; Mr. H. K. Holden, bass. Rev. J. W. Paxton will conduct the service.

St. John's Episcopal Church.

The music at St. John's Episcopal church will be given at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning by the full vested choir as follows:
Processional, Hymn 49, Fidelis.
Venite Exultemus Domino, Danks.
Te Deum in C, Stephens.
Jubilate, Kettle.
Anthem, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Bandy.
Gloria Tibi, Danks.
Anthem, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," Mendelsohn.
Recessional, Hymn 457, Handel.
The regular choir will be assisted by Misses Emma Young, Emma West, Mr. C. V. Motte and Mr. J. E. Benton.

St. James' Episcopal Church.

The music at St. James' Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock Christmas morning will be excellent, as usual, but the programme will not be published, owing to the restrictions made by the vestry. Mrs. W. L. Latta and Mrs. E. G. Woody will assist the choir. Mrs. Latta will sing a solo, "Holy Night," and will have violin obligato accompaniment by Mr. W. L. Latta.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

German services will be conducted this morning at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., the pastor. The services at 7.45 o'clock to night will be in English. Special Christmas services will be observed Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

St. Thomas' Catholic Church.

The musical programme will be rendered on Christmas day as follows:
Adeste Fidelis, Novelli.
Kyrie, Gounod, Convent Mass.
Gloria, Gounod, Convent Mass.
Credo, Millard in G.
Sanctus, Gounod, Messe Sollenelle.
Benedictus, Gounod, Messe Sollenelle.
Agnus Dei, Gounod, Messe Sollenelle.
The first mass will be at 6 A. M. and the last mass at 10.30 A. M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Rev. Edward Wooten will conduct the Christmas services at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The holy communion will be administered.

Services will be held to-day in all of the churches that have pastors. There will be many other Christmas entertainments the latter part of the week.

Christmas at the Postoffice.

The P. O. will observe the following hours on Christmas day:

The carriers will make an early morning collection and delivery and hold their windows open for the delivery of mail and packages from 9 to 10 o'clock A. M. The registry department, general delivery and stamp windows will also be open from 9 to 10 A. M.

Carried to Florence.

Calvin Gregg, the negro who was arrested here Friday night on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a number of articles from the store of Mr. J. F. Stackley, at Florence, S. C., was carried to Florence last night by Special Detective Blunt, who came after the negro.

Go to Rehder's to morrow. †

TURNED IN FALSE ALARM.

Three Young Men Arrested Last Night on That Charge—Case Will Be Heard Monday Morning.

A false fire alarm was turned in from box 46, at the corner of Third and Nun streets at 9:42 o'clock last night, and in less than one hour's time three young men, Jim Judge, Jordan McIver and Henry Styron were arrested on the charge of having turned in the alarm. Styron was recognized for his appearance before the Mayor Monday morning, while the other two were locked up.

When the alarm was turned in there were quite a number of people passing along the street near the box and all of them saw the accused run away. McIverran into the arms of Officer C. S. Burnett, on Nun between Third and Fourth streets, and he was presented to Chief Schnibben when the fire apparatus appeared on the scene. The other two got away, but both were captured an hour later, Judge at Second and Market by Sergeant Davis, and Styron at Fourth and Church by Officer Burnett.

The young men told conflicting stories about the affair, and each one laid the blame on the others. STAR readers will remember that young Judge is the party who was arrested last March for turning in a false alarm and was sentenced to three months on the county roads at the August term of court. He has been out not quite two months. The penalty for such an offence is a term on the county roads for not longer than a year. The cases will be tried before Mayor Waddell Monday morning.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE

A Farmer of Columbus County Tried to Put an End to His Existence Friday Morning.

Dr. Wright Hall, who returned to the city yesterday afternoon from Columbus county, told a STAR reporter of the attempted suicide Friday morning of one Mr. Bains, a farmer, who lives near Applewhite's P. O., Columbus county. He shot himself with a 32-calibre pistol, the ball entering his stomach, and at last accounts yesterday morning he was not expected to recover.

Mr. Bains got up early Friday morning and told his wife that he intended to kill himself. She thought nothing serious of his threat until a few minutes later when she heard the report of a pistol in front of the house. On rushing out of the house members of the family found Mr. Bains lying on the ground with a pistol in his hand. He swore that he would not allow a physician to come near him.

In speaking of his attempt to put an end to his life, Mr. Bains said he didn't want to live any longer on account of not being able to support his family as he would like to, the times being so hard. He said he aimed at his heart, but the pistol failed to fire the first time and the second time he aimed at the same place, but his hand lowered when he pulled the trigger. He says he's determined to die, and if he fails this time he will do so some other time.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning he was sinking rapidly and his recovery seemed almost impossible. He is a fairly well to do farmer and has a large family.

THE CITY SCHOOLS.

All Institutions of Learning in Wilmington Are Observing the Holiday Season

Appropriate Christmas exercises were held yesterday morning at the Hemenway School. The programme was composed of songs and recitations.

A number of patrons of the school were present and enjoyed the exercises very much. Interesting exercises were also held yesterday at the Peabody colored school.

At noon yesterday all the public schools closed and the several thousand children were dismissed until Wednesday, Jan. 2. All the schools in the city, both public and private, are now closed, and teachers and pupils alike, are enjoying the holiday recreation to the fullest extent. The work of the Fall session has been remarkably well done in all the schools and the teachers feel much encouraged at the outlook for the session which begins when the holidays close.

In Recognition of Services.

At the usual hour for the Sunday school exercises at the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon a very pleasing event will take place in the presentation to Mr. C. H. Robinson of a handsome token of the appreciation of the school of his services as superintendent for a period of nearly seventeen years. The gift will be a chair, and it goes without saying that both the donors and the recipient will find in to-day's exercises a source of much joy and great pleasure.

Naval Reserves Notes.

The Naval Reserves will not have drills Christmas and New Year's nights, but it will have target practice with small arms at Hilton to-morrow afternoon. All who desire to participate are requested to leave their names at the armory before 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The "Bouncers'" banquet on New Year's night will be a glorious affair. Elaborate preparations are being made for it.

Don't get lonely, but call and get a Good Singing Canary from J. T. Burke, No. 27 South Front street. †

Go to Rehder's to-morrow. †

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Produce Exchange will be closed until Wednesday morning.

— A handsome and commodious Presbyterian church has been erected at Shallotte.

— All the incoming trains yesterday were crowded with people coming here to do shopping.

— Robert Ruark, Esq., has been admitted to practice before the Interior Department at Washington.

— Morning and evening services will be conducted at Delgado mills today by Rev. P. C. Morton.

— The new church at Delgado mills is nearly completed, and when finished will be a credit to the community.

— License was granted yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Charles L. Fortune and Miss Annie Brice, both of this city.

— The steamer *Hawes*, after undergoing repairs for some days, cleared yesterday for Cedar Creek, up the Cape Fear river.

— The Express office was the scene of great activity all of yesterday. Some were shipping packages, while others were looking for express.

— The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock this afternoon will be addressed by Dr. George C. Worth. All men are invited to attend.

— The schooner *Howell Leeds* passed down from Reedy. The schooner *Eva A. Danenhower*, Capt. Johnson, cleared Philadelphia, December 20th, for Wilmington.

— Chief Parmele and Lieutenant Skipper are making out the annual police report. The statistics will no doubt be interesting reading when completed.

— The British brig *Iona*, 166 tons, Capt. Barkhouse, arrived light yesterday from Barbadoes and will load lumber at the Chadbourn Lumber Company for Jamaica.

— Three of the four cars which ran into the river Thursday morning from the Coast Line yard, were pulled out yesterday by Capt. E. D. Williams, who was awarded the contract for removing them.

— County Commissioner E. F. Alexander brought some strawberrries to the city yesterday, which under cover would ripen in two weeks. They were of the Excelsior variety and were well formed.

— A large number of Southport people came up to the city yesterday on the steamer *Wilmington* to do Christmas shopping. A special excursion on the steamer is due to arrive Monday from Southport.

— The British schooner *Mabel Darling*, Capt. Roberts, cleared yesterday for Nassau, with 250,000 shingles, 200 packages moulding, 66 doors and 10,000 feet of lumber; valued at $1,560. Vessel and cargo by the master.

— The physicians attending Mr. J. E. Irby, the young man who was so badly mashed by an elevator at Delgado mills a few days since, amputated his leg yesterday. At last accounts his condition was considered critical.

— The STAR inadvertently stated in Friday's issue that the prolific peanuts which are on exhibition at the drug store of Mr. R. R. Bellamy were grown by Mr. J. T. Foy, of Scott's Hill. It should have been Mr. F. M. Foy, of that place.

A Week's Festivities.

The coming week will be very festive in Wilmington. There will be numerous card parties and private entertainments. Three germans will be danced during the week. L'Agile on Wednesday night, L'Arioso on Thursday night and the younger set of society folk will trip the light fantastic Friday night. All of the dances will be given in the Masonic Temple and the best available music has been engaged for each occasion. The Christmas dances will be largely attended.

Piana Recital Yesterday Afternoon.

Miss Cannie Chasten's pupils gave a delightful piano recital at Schubert Hall yesterday afternoon. The following programme was rendered:
Polish Dance in E flat, (Scharwenka,) Miss Nellie Corbett.
Valse Aerienne, (Spindler,) Miss Bessie Lodor.
Impromptu in A Flat, (Schubert,) Miss Irene Peterson.
Valse Episode, (Helmund,) Miss Bertie Hanson.
Le Papillon, (Lavallee,) Miss Alice Craft.
The next Recital will be given January 5th, 1901.

assed Down Amid Salutes.

The tug *Wm. F. McCauley*, of Savannah, which arrived in port Friday evening in tow of the Norwegian braque *Victor*, an account of which appeared in yesterday's issue of the STAR, cleared yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, returning to Savannah. The *McCauley* was saluted by all the craft along the river as she passed along the water front, in honor of her captain, Thomas Jacobs, a former Wilmingtonian.

Fire Alarms Last Night.

The fire department responded to two alarms last night. The first was from box 25, at 7:45 o'clock. The fire was caused by the burning of a chimney at Mr. B. G. Worth's residence, No. 206 North Second street. There was no damage. A false alarm was sent in from box 46, corner Third and Nunn streets, at 7:42 o'clock.

Something interesting in the Silver Novelty Line—in quality as well as price. J. T. Burke, the up-to-date jeweller, No. 27 South Front street. †

THE MERRY YULE-TIDE

Yesterday Was to All Interests and Purposes an Ideal Holiday.

THE STREETS WERE THRONGED

Christmas Spirit Asserted Itself and the City by the Sea Gave Itself Over to Pleasure and Indulgence—The Week Past.

The Christmas spirit was more manifest in Wilmington yesterday than it has yet been this season. The principal streets were crowded during the day with eager holiday shoppers, who hurried to and fro, in and out the stores, until the closing last midnight for the Sabbath.

The displays by the numerous stores in the city this year have been much more elaborate than on previous years and no "eager fastidious buyer" need have sent to the larger centres for things rare or beautiful. The merchants are bending every effort to make the holiday business this year exceed that of all those gone by and the close of the virtual Christmas week last night, indicates that they have right well succeeded. Many of the stores yesterday found their clerical force insufficient for the large number which crowded their establishments and upon the whole they can say next week after casual stock taking, that they have a merry, merry Christmas.

The inventor of the paraphrase "there's nothing new under the sun" probably spoke before he thought of the men who make Christmas "doings" for the children because the fabled Kris Kringle has this year in store for the young people a greater wealth of new and attractive novelties than ever before and he will find trouble this year in making an abundant selection from the well filled stocks of Wilmington merchants. Certainly, with all these favorable conditions every child in Wilmington should have a very bright and happy Christmas this year.

The retail stores during the week have, of course, been the gayest of the gay, but naturally there has been also an excellent trade in all other branches, for "the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker" all came in for their share and will contribute toward making the Yule-tide the merriest of the merry. The wholesale merchants had the greater portion of their holiday rush on the week preceding the last, and last week they found themselves with only the steady demand and quick calls for extra supplies of some Christmas-tide specialties. The bankers and the brokers and the cotton men did not expect much rush—it is a season of feasting and of fun, of gift-giving and of indulgence and they are perfectly willing to join the general throng that contributes toward making Christmas the greatest and most pleasant of our holidays.

To-morrow will be the greatest day of them all, perhaps, and it will then be that the whole world of people will give themselves over to the pleasures of the last Christmas in the Nineteenth Century. The merchants will enjoy a good trade and the small boy will give himself over to cannon crackers and candy, and thus with a din and rush will be ushered in the Christmas hallowed by so many sweet memories.

A LOSS TO CHARLESTON.

Mr. Andrew Moreland Will Move to Wilmington, N. C., to Become Cashier of a Bank.

[*Charleston Evening Post*]

Mr. Andrew Moreland of this city will leave on January 1, for Wilmington, N. C., where he goes to take the position of cashier in the Atlantic National Bank, one of the best known and strongest financial institutions in the South.

Mr. Moreland has been in business in Charleston for the past twelve years, returning to this, his native city, upon his graduation at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. For eight years he has been in the service of the Carolina Savings Bank, where he is held in especially high regard by the officials.

The bank to which Mr. Moreland goes in Wilmington does the largest business in that city. It has deposits amounting to more than a million dollars, and a large force is employed in its business. The president of the bank is Mr. J. W. Norwood, also a Charleston man. Mr. Moreland, as cashier, will assume responsibilities of large proportions, requiring careful discretion and minute knowledge of banking affairs, both of which he has to a marked degree. The selection of Mr. Moreland for the important position is at once a compliment to his own capacity and to the quality of the Carolina Savings Bank, in which he has served his apprenticeship.

Mr. Moreland, in moving his home to Wilmington, will leave regret among a large number of friends in business and social circles, and his departure may well be considered a loss to Charleston, in the withdrawal of one of the most capable and active young business men of the city.

Collegians Returning.

The following collegians arrived home yesterday for Christmas: Messrs. H. M. Emerson, Jr., from Horners; D. R. Foster and Fred Bonitz, from the A. and M., at Raleigh; Benj. Bell, Jr., Preston Cumming, Jr., Reston Stevenson, Henry Short, Milton Calder and Burke Bridgers, from Chapel Hill.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

The Cost Sale Continues, and I am Giving the people of Wilmington the

Greatest Values Ever Offered.

Remember everything goes for first cost, and the goods are certainly being sold as advertised.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Hawes' $3.00 Hats	for $2.00	50c Neckwear reduced	to 40c
$2.00 Royal Hats	" 1.10	25c Neckwear	" 18c
Monarch $1.00 Shirts	" .81	25c Half Hose	" 18c
" 1.50 "	" 1.10		

Men's Suits and Overcoats at cost.
Boys' Knee Suits at cost.

Everything At Cost!

Nothing sent out on approbation or charged during this sale.

A. SHRIER, Men's Wear,
Bell 'Phone 565. 34 corner Front & Princess.
dec 23tf

Santa Claus is at REHDER'S with everything you can wish for a Xmas Present.

Prices moderate,

>32<
people to wait on you.

J. H. Rehder & Co.
Bell 'Phone 118. Inter-State 'Phone 218.
Car fare paid on purchases of $2.00 and up. dec 23 tf

St. Paul's Christmas Entertainment.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's Lutheran church will give its annual holiday entertainment this year on next Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock, in Luther Memorial building. The exercises will consist of distribution of gifts from a Christmas tree, songs, charades and other pleasing specialties.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. Van B. Metts,
Insurance, Fire and Accident.
All business left with me receives my personal attention.
S. A. L. Building,
'Phone 169. North Front street.
dec 23 1t

Special Notice.
Just received car-load of Choice Florida Oranges. On sale Monday on Dock street, between Front and Water.
dec 23 1t — C. C. CARLTON.

Commissioner's Sale.
By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court wherein Elizabeth P. LeGwin administratrix of John J. LeGwin is plaintiff and Lot M. LeGwin defendant, I will at 12 o'clock m. on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1901, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the personal property and effects now belonging to the late firm of LeGwin Bros., job printers and binders, at building No. 122½ Princess street, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., said personal property and effects consisting of one wire stitcher, one perforator, one 10x15 Chandler & Price Gordon Printing Press, with side steam fixtures and all attachments, one ruling machine and attachments and all printers' and binders' material, tools, implements, furniture and fixtures, one iron safe, etc., now contained in said building.
Complete list of property may be seen at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and can be examined at the above named building any day before sale.
Dated and posted this 22nd day of December, 1900.
J. H. LEGWIN, Commissioner.
dec 23 1t No. 122½ Princess street.

Turpentine Farm For Sale.

Fine, well equipped Turpentine Farm at private sale, on account of death of partners. Thirty corps---labor and round timber plenty. Can be bought at a great bargain. Address or visit,

MANSHIP CO.,
Nicholasville, Miller county, Ga.
Dec. 23, 1900. dec 23 2w

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you
see, a
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mas tree;
one of the
best types, too,
and while, my dear
sir, 'tis not a fir,
yet it was made fir
you. 'Tis true, you see
upon this tree no presents
rich and rare; yet please be
kind, and bear, in mind, in
wish the gifts are there. We
now wish all, the short and tall,
young, middle aged and gray;
the
poor
the rich,
white,
black
as pitch
A MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY.

S. & B. SOLOMON.
Dry Goods Dept. Shoe Dept.
dec 23 1t

"Cuban Blossom Cigars."

Unexcelled—unsurpassed by none.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, December 13th, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 794,494 16
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		787 62
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		25,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		121,500 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		32,306 67
Due from State Banks and Bankers		137,534 64
Due from approved reserve agents		30,749 31
Notes of other National Banks		7,000 00
Fractional paper, currency, nickels, and cents		1,122 13
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$21,000 00	
Legal tender notes	93,000 00	114,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		2,000 00
Total		$1,440,794 57

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$ 50,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	79,288 02	129,288 02
National Bank notes outstanding		96,300 00
Due to other National Banks	104,021 82	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	85,747 89	
Dividends unpaid	35 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	723,511 14	
Demand certificates of deposits	50,198 12	
Certified checks	95 42	
Cashier's checks outstanding	13 977 11	
United States deposits	120,375 00	1 100,366 85
Total		$1,440,794 57

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:
I, J. W. Norwood, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. W. NORWOOD, President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1900.
GEORGE SLOAN, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
D. L. GORE,
WM. E. SPRINGER,
H. B. SHORT,
Directors.
dec 23 1t

$100 Reward

for the person who started the report that I have not the largest assortment of Xmas fruits, candies, nuts, and fireworks at the lowest prices.

A good mixed candy, 8c lb.
Very best nuts, - - 15c lb.
Free delivery to any part of the city.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.
OPEN ALL DAY XMAS.
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Go to R. R. Bellamy's and get a bottle of Hicks' Arnica Liniment. It cures croup and coughs like magic, and all pains.
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MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon	6	5:38 a. m.	New Moon	21	7:01 p. m.
Third Quarter	13	5:42 p. m.	First Quarter	28	8:48 p. m.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.

CO-OPERATION.

The principle of co-operation has been so successfully demonstrated that the wonder is it has not been more generally acted upon. It has been tried by individuals, by corporations and to some extent by some railroad companies with good results. The Pennsylvania railroad pensions men who have become old or incapacitated in the service of the company. That is one kind of co-operation. The Illinois Central railroad makes its employes sharers to some extent in the prosperity of the road by giving them a per centage of the profits, which they may invest in the stock of the company, thus becoming pecuniarily and personally interested in its success. That is another kind of co-operation. If something similar were adopted by all the leading railroads of the country, thus setting an example to others, there would be very few railroad strikes in this country, and if the same system were inaugurated in the large shops, the coal and iron mines, etc., there would be very few strikes in these.

But there is another kind of co-operation, by which the railroads could protect themselves from the extortions of the trusts and save millions of dollars annually, if such co-operation be practicable, and we do not see why it should not be. The railroads of this country need about 750,000 tons of new or of re rolled steel rails annually. It is said that the steel rail makers now have booked for next year 1,000,000 tons of rails. The price demanded and to be paid is $26 a ton. That is $26,000,000 to come out of the railroads, and ultimately out of the patrons of the railroads, and put into the coffers of the Steel Rail Trust, an institution protected by the tariff from competition by foreign rail makers. It is said that steel rails can be made and sold at $13 a ton and then leave margin enough for a reasonable profit. Assuming this to be so, the railroads are beaten out of $13,000,000 next year, and nearly as much every year, which they might save by co-operation.

A plant for rolling steel rails would doubtless cost considerable money, several millions of dollars, but the cost would be small in comparison with the $13,000,000 the railroads annually pay as profits to the steel rail makers, who make their own prices, which the railroads have to pay because they can't help it. As powerful as they are they are in the clutch of the rail Trust. It might not be practicable, perhaps, to effect co operation between all the different roads in a matter of this kind but that would not be necessary. Co-operation of the principal systems would be sufficient to make them independent and bring the rail makers to time.

Suppose, for instance, a few of the leading systems in the South combined and established a rail-making plant at Birmingham, say, as a great iron center. There iron and coal are abundant, and it is said steel can be made for less money than anywhere else in this country, and it can be made for less in this country than it can be anywhere else in the world. In addition to supplying the companies interested in this plant with all the rails they needed at the lowest price, other roads not interested could be supplied at a fair price, large enough to give a good profit, but small enough to be out of comparison with the Trust prices. The effect of this would be to bring the Trust down and thus help all the railroads.

Reaping the benefit of co-operation in the manufacture of rails they would go further and soon establish shops for the building of engines, cars, &c., thus start the South in other great industries, and give employment to thousands of skilled laborers. Of course there is more or less rivalry between roads competing for business in the same section, but this is a matter which need not be affected by the rivalry. It is a business in which the roads are all interested and there is no reason why rivals in transportation should not co-operate for mutual benefit on other lines outside of that, especially where there is so much money involved, and the annual saving to each would be so great.

But the public is interested in this as well as the railroads, for the high price of rails is one of the serious obstacles to the building of roads. Thus progress and development are retarded, and sections of country which have much in them to invite enterprise and capital are kept "in the backwoods." There are sections of North Carolina, and many such in the South, abounding in mineral and other wealth which lie useless in the earth for want of transportation facilities. The cheaper railroad construction becomes the sooner these resources will be opened up and utilized.

No individual or company would undertake under present conditions to establish a rail making plant to compete with the Trust, because that has a monopoly and too many millions behind it to protect the monopoly. In the case of such competition the Trust would put its rails down at the bed-rock price and thus strangle it before it got a good start. But it wouldn't do that with the railroads for they would be manufacturing for their own use; they would have use for all they could make at a price the Trust could not go under and keep up for any length of time. So it wouldn't practically make any difference to them whether the Trust prices went up or down. The Trust couldn't hurt their plant or its business. It would be there to stay, and to grow and in a short time would bring the Trust to time and keep it there.

WHAT GRABBING COSTS ENGLAND.

The news coming from South Africa is not calculated to add to the merriment of the Christmas holidays in England. Last Christmas was blue enough, and although London some time ago went on a wild saturnalia in welcoming back some of the returned soldiers and celebrating the end of the war, the war seems to have broken out afresh in the Cape Town province, where martial law has been declared, and to which England is hurrying off more troops in response to the calls from General Kitchener. And yet England has had 210,000 men in South Africa fighting the Boers, who at no time numbered over 40,000.

The following, which we clip from the Baltimore *Sun*, will give some idea of the stupendous job England has undertaken in fighting those South African rustics, who in their heroic defence of their country have surprised not only her but the world, which not only sympathizes with them but applauds them for their more than Spartan valor:

"An official return of the British forces in South Africa shows that on December 1st the army there consisted of 210,293 officers and men, of whom 142,893 were regulars, 33,000 colonials, 8,000 yeomanry, 7,500 volunteers and 18,900 militia. The killed to date were 3,018, wounded 13,886, dead from disease or wounds 7,796, number in hospitals in South Africa 11,937. Interesting light is thrown upon the degree of British preparation in South Africa at the date of the Boer ultimatum on October 9th, 1899 by a return showing the number of British troops at that time. On the 1st of August, two months before the ultimatum, the British force in South Africa aggregated 9,622 men, of whom 1,127 were cavalry and 1,035 artillery. This was the 'garrison' for Cape Town and other points. Up to October 11 reinforcements to the number of 6,363 had been sent from England and 5,644 from India, making the total British force in South Africa two days after the Boers had crossed into Natal 12,007, including 1,664 cavalry and 1,396 artillery. In view of the fact that the entire Boer force was mounted the provision of 1,664 cavalry seems to have been a trifle inadequate.

"Further reinforcements were soon found to be necessary and continued to be sent to July 31, 1900, as follows: Regulars from England, from various colonial posts and from India, 151,546; colonials from colonies other than South Africa, 11,034, and raised in South Africa, 28,932; Imperial yeomanry, 10,195; volunteers, from the United Kingdom, 10,787; militia, 20,676; making the total of all arms sent to South Africa up to the end of July, 1900, including the force there in August, 1899, 254,749. Between July 31 and December 1 additional troops were sent to the number of 12,562, bringing the grand total to 267,311.

"The difference between this total and the strength given above, as of December 1st, is accounted for by the disbandment of various colonial and home volunteer commands, together with the losses in action and from disease, etc. About 7,541 troops have been sent back to England; 35,548 have been sent home sick and wounded; 70 have been returned to India and 1,884 regulars and 1,172 colonials have been returned to the colonies. It is somewhat remarkable that in the transportation of over a quarter of a million men a distance of 6,000 miles by sea no lives have been lost in the perils of the deep. Not so much can be said as to horses, of which over 185,000 have been sent to South Africa, besides mules and other means of traction. While the war is in progress in South Africa troops have had to be found also for a war in Ashanti and another war in China. All which illustrates the burden of imperialism which our thoughtless jingoes are anxious for us to shoulder."

These facts and figures show the awful price that England is paying for her land-grabbing scheme in that far off corner of the world, a price out of all proportion to the gain to be derived from it, not to speak of England's loss of military prestige, which has been a serious one for her. If her foresight had been as good as her hindsight it is pretty safe to say that she would have let the Boers alone and kept out of that scrimmage.

The town of Sing Sing, N. Y., is in trouble because people outside turn the cold shoulder to her manufactures, because the prison is there and the people think the goods are made by convicts, and they have a prejudice against that kind of goods. She therefore wants her name changed. Why not call her Singtown, or Nosing, or something of that kind and be happy?

NOT AN UNTRIED EXPERIMENT.

Subsidizing ships is not an untried experiment in this country. It has been tried and failed. The New York *World*, a paper which speaks for a commercial constituency, mentions some of the instances in which they have been tried and failed, as follows:

"The first experiment in the United States was with the Collins line in 1850. A subsidy of $858,000 for twenty-six trips a year was granted to it. The line went into bankruptcy after drawing for eight years from the subsidy nursing bottle.

The Brazilian line was subsidized for ten years, 1866-76, and the attempt to build up our trade with Brazil in that way was then recognized as a total failure and abandoned. Since the subsidy was withdrawn our exports to Brazil have steadily increased. The Pacific Mail to Japan and the Venezuela Red D line were subsidized for a term of years with the same result. In every case Congress refused to renew the subsidy when the contract ran out, thus confessing that in no case had the experiment justified itself.

"The testimony of experience is all against Mr. Hanna's project for taxing a whole nation to make the private business of a few corporations more profitable."

The Pacific Mail, which was subsidized with a view of building up our commerce with the countries on the Pacific, got along for some time until it came into competition with the ship owners of Japan who had the privilege of buying their ships where they could buy them to the best advantage, a privilege which was denied to the Pacific Mail Company. The result was that the Japanese put on lines of steamers to run to our Pacific ports, carried freights cheaper and took the trade away from our subsidized ships, the owners of which found themselves unable to replace their worn out ships with new ones, to compete with the cheaper and better ones owned by the Japanese, and so the Pacific Mail as a commerce promoter, subsidized as it was, played out.

And so will it be with Hanna's subsidized ships. A few of them which draw the big chunks of the subsidies, the fast passenger ships in which we are the least interested and which as commerce promoters will do the least good, may continue to run, but that, so far as all the substantial good done would be like throwing so much money into the sea. It may give us some nobby high-speed steamers, to carry passengers to and fro, but no merchant marine.

IT WASN'T NORTHERN CAPITAL

Speaking of Southern development and Southern enterprise as shown in the growth of our cities and the multiplication of our manufacturing establishments, the Atlanta *Journal* corrects the prevalent error that Northern capital has been mainly instrumental in this. Speaking of Atlanta as a typical progressive Southern city, it says that while it is true that a good many Northern men have settled in that city, gone into business and taken an active and important part in its up-building, still it is a fact that "the Atlanta of to-day is the product mainly of Southern brains, Southern enterprise, and either Southern money or Southern credit." It adds that this is true of every leading city of the South, and even of Birmingham, whose phenomenal growth, activity and progress have attracted such world-wide attention.

Speaking of cotton manufactories, it cites North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, the three leading cotton manufacturing States, with nearly five hundred mills, less than fifteen per cent. of the money invested in which is Northern capital. Southern men have evidently not been depending upon or waiting for Northern capital. If they had they would probably be waiting yet and plowing the ground for a living.

Robert Garhart, of Brush, Creek township, Pa., who is the father of twenty-eight children celebrated his 84th birthday by walking 26 miles and returning afoot the same day after a frolic of a few hours with the other boys and girls. He has never had any of the ordinary or extraordinary ailments of humanity and never missed a meal on account of sickness.

Wm. J. Bryan's weekly paper, *The Commoner*, will be published in Lincoln, Nebraska, and will appear in January. He will not employ travelling canvassers so that people who wish to subscribe must write to him and enclose the price, $1.00 a year.

CURRENT COMMENT.

——The mad rush for riches, the intense struggle of business rivalry, the nervous strain incident to gaining social supremacy, kills more people in the United States than all wars have in the past ten years.—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

——Mr. Joseph Chamberlain admits that he owns stock in two corporations that have contracts with the British government, but says he has never asked any one connected with the government to give them an order. He merely permits the use of his name in the list of stockholders, which is simpler.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

——There is assurance of good business for 1901 in the fact (telegraphed from Pittsburg) that the railway companies of the country have given orders for a million tons of steel rails. There orders are based on the expectation of heavy business; and the chief's of transportation have a very accurate knowledge of business possibilities.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

A Spotless Skin

And a clear complexion are desired by every woman and admired by every man.

Eruptions, pimples and similar blemishes are caused by an impure condition of the blood. These skin blemishes are permanently removed by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery which thoroughly purifies the blood and cures the cause of the disease.

"For about one year and a half my face was badly broken out," writes Miss Carrie Adams, of 116 West Main St., Battlecreek, Mich. "I spent a great deal of money with doctors and for different kinds of medicine, but received no benefit. At last I read one of your advertisements in a paper, and obtained a bottle of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Before I had taken one bottle of this medicine I noticed a change, and after taking three bottles I was entirely cured."

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Helen Keller, the girl who has been deaf, dumb and blind from infancy, but who has notwithstanding become an accomplished scholar, and is now in college studying the classics and the languages, is capping here phenomenal performances by learning to talk. In addition to her large stock of sense, this remarkable girl must be gifted with some other sense that other mortals know nothing about.

THE SONG OF LONG AGO

When the thrushes cease their singing
  and the wild bees leave the clover;
When the glory of the sunset fades
  and leaves the heavens pale;
When above the hill and mountains
  misty shades of twilight hover
And the discords of the daytime far
  away in distance fail;

When the rath wheat gently rustles,
  and the timid aspens shiver,
And the west winds, sighing softly,
  scent from flowers bring;
When the pee wits cry together plaintively by brook and river—
Then it is I hear the old song that my
  mother used to sing.

Round my neck I feel the pressure
  of her fingers warm and slender
And in sleep dreams and waking I
  have felt it many times,
Just as when of old I listened to that
  ditty, quaint and tender,
Till the boughs that waved above us
  caught the cadence of the rhymes;
And my heart throbs loud and
  quickly as I hear it rising clearer,
Youth is mine, its hope and visions,
  dreams and plans are mine again;
Earth is fairer, life is sweeter—aye,
  and heaven itself seems nearer
To me as I list in fancy to that ne'er
  forgotten strain.

—*Chamber's Journal.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Lumberton *Argus*: A little five year old daughter of Mr. William Burney, of Tar Heel, died last Tuesday night from the effect of a burn. They were killing hogs and had a fire around a pot in the yard and it is thought that the child's clothing caught from the fire there and then she ran in the house, as the first any one knew of it the child was found in the house so badly burned that she died from the effect.

— Sanford *Express*: Moore is not the only county in the State from which there will be a contest for a seat in the next Legislature. Messrs. H. A. London and R. H. Hayes, Senator and Representative elect respectively, from Chatham county, have been notified that their seats will be contested. —— Siler City was visited by burglars last week and on Friday night five stores were entered. The robbers were after money, but secured a very small amount. No goods were taken from any of the stores. Some of the safes in the stores contained money but they were not molested.

— Salisbury *Star*: Thursday night a burglar, most probably a boy, entered the Catholic church by breaking through a stained glass window large enough to admit his body. The visitor ransacked the entire building, evidently looking for money. He found none so he took nothing. Several drawers and lockers were prized open and their contents distributed but nothing is missing. The boy left an old axe in the church. He made his exit through a window which he raised from the inside. The only damage which was done was the stained glass window which was broken.

—Watauga *Democrat*: Here is a sample of your McKinley prosperity. Before the election fat cattle were being bought in Watauga by our cattle men at from three to four cents per pound, on foot, and were in ready demand. Now the very top price offered is only 1½ cents per pound and a drag at that. One of our largest dealers says he would be willing to lose $5 00 on the purchase price of his cattle now on hand that were bought before the drop in price, but is unable to move them even at this great sacrifice. This seems odd indeed when we consider the fact that the meat trust has advanced the price of beef one cent on the pound. Strange but true. This is prosperity to talk of.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' Church: First mass, 7 A. M.; high mass and sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vespers, sermon, 7:45 P. M.

Christian Science service at the Masonic Temple, room No. 10, this morning at 11 o'clock. Subject of Bible lesson, "Christ Jesus."

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church near Fourth street above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service only at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9.45 A. M. All seats free and every person welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor. German services to-day at 11 A. M.; English services at 7.45 P. M. Communion at both services. Preparatory service in German at 10.30 A. M.; in English at 7.30 P. M. Sunday school at 3.30 P. M.

Services in St. John's Church to day, fourth Sunday in Advent, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, at 7:45 and 11 A. M., and at 7:45 P. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Christmas Day services: Holy communion, 7:45 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M. The public cordially invited.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Nothing but patience in the Christian worker fitly represents the Master.

— It is characteristic of ill-natured people to attribute ill nature to others.

— To throw mud at a neighbor is not is not a good way to keep one's self clean.

— He who cannot bless the waves that beat him homeward must have little longing for home.

— The hope of salvation from the sins of society depends on our own personal sensibility to sin.

— The Christian feels his restrictions only when he seeks to limit Christ's domain in his life.

— The Bible aims to give uniformity of direction to lives rather than uniformity of doctrine.

— Fear not the strongholds of sin. Attack in God's name and by his grace you shall conquer though you die.

— A courageous man is not so much he who is brave to snatch pleasure as he is who is ready to bear pain.

— Oftentimes a short conversation about some subject pertaining to Christian life, some precious chapter of the Word, a promise of comfort, some new truth, followed by prayer will prove a wonderful source of strength and blessing.

— I count it the best and whitest of all days when a man accepts heartily, wholly and in loving choice the higher law of life—the day when he welcomes the sacred yoke of duty, and gives the throne of his heart to the true King.—*Charles G. Ames.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Young Lady—"What! I shall only have one husband all my life?" Gypsy Woman—"Well, what can you expect for a shilling, miss?"—*Tit-Bits.*

— Crawford—"How were they persuaded not to cut down the minister's salary?" Crabshaw—"He promised to cut down his sermons."—*Judge.*

— "You'd better eat it slow," said Johnny to the clergyman, who was dining with the family. "Mamma never gives more'n one piece o' pie."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— A Failure in Quantity: "Ma, I bought you some candy down town." "That was kind, Tommy; where is it?" "Well, ma, I was so long comin' home on the cars that it didn't last till I got here."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "So you're going to be married again? To whom?" "To my late wife's sister." "Is she handsome or rich?" "Neither." "Then why do you marry her?" "To tell the truth, it's because I want only one mother-in-law!"—*Heltre Welt.*

— What, Indeed?—Mabel—"That near sighted Mr. Whetherno actually asked me on Christmas night if the wreath of wintergreen in the parlor was mistletoe." Alice—"What did you tell him?" Mabel—"Why, what could I?"—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Home Grown Lustre—"Then you don't bank much on ancestral pride?" "No; it is more to a man's credit to start from nowhere and be somebody than to start from somewhere and be nobody."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "That was a daring action of young Swaddlekins in putting bent pins in the chairs of the members of the faculty the other morning. They expelled him from the institution, didn't they?" "Immediately—by a rising vote."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— What Uncle Said: "I am working a Christmas present for you," wrote the fair young girl to the rich uncle. "Huh," observed the rich uncle, as he read her letter, "you mean you are working me for a Christmas present."—*Baltimore American.*

——It seems that, while the United States is straining every nerve to capture the world's trade at distant points, Germany and England have been invading territory in the Western Hemisphere which according to the "eternal fitness of things," we should control. Certainly the bulk of business from South America, Central America and Mexico should come to the United States.—*Baltimore Herald, Rep.*

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Trust those who have tried.

I SUFFERED from catarrh of the worst kind and never hoped for cure, but Ely's Cream Balm seems to do even that.—Oscar Ostrom, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

I SUFFERED from catarrh; it got so bad I could not work; I used Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well.—A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston, Mass.

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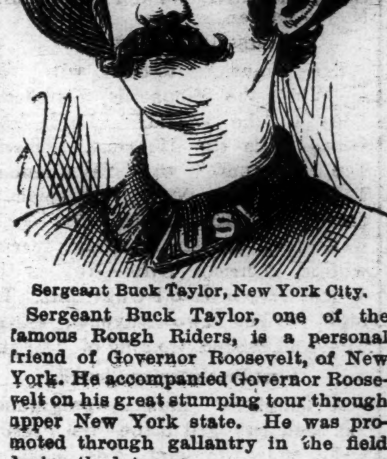
WM. A. COLLIER, PAYMASTER OF THE U. S. NAVY.

One of the most responsible positions in the practical management of the United States Navy is the Paymaster's Office. Only men of great executive and clerical ability can fill such a position. Such a man is the Hon. William A. Collier, Assistant Paymaster of the United States Navy. In a recent letter of his to Dr. Hartman he says:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25, 1899.

I have taken Pe-ru-na and take pleasure in recommending it to those needing a first-class tonic, feeling assured that it will do all that is claimed for it.

Yours truly, Wm. A. Collier.

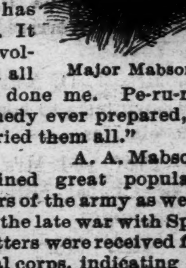


Sergeant Buck Taylor, New York City.

Sergeant Buck Taylor, one of the famous Rough Riders, is a personal friend of Governor Roosevelt, of New York. He accompanied Governor Roosevelt on his great stumping tour through upper New York state. He was promoted through gallantry in the field during the late war.

The Sergeant has the following to say of Pe-ru-na: "I think there is no better medicine on earth than Pe-ru-na, for catarrh. It has cured me. It would take a volume to tell you all the good it has done me. Pe-ru-na is the best catarrh cure on earth, and I know, for I have tried nearly all of them. Respectfully, Buck F. Taylor."

Major Algernon A. Mabson, of the Tenth Volunteer regiment, stationed at Macon, Ga., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman from Washington, D. C., says: "I think there is no better medicine on earth than your Pe-ru-na for catarrh. It has surely cured me. It would take a volume to tell you all the good it has done me. Pe-ru-na is the greatest remedy ever prepared, and I think I have tried them all."



Major Mabson.

A. A. Mabson.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market dull at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine steady at 48@47½c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar steady at $1 25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50@$2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	62
Rosin	111
Tar	630
Crude turpentine	51

Receipts same day last year.—63 casks spirits turpentine, 269 bbls rosin, 865 bbls tar, 87 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market dull on a basis of 9⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	8 5 16	" "
Low middling	8 15-16	" "
Middling	9⅜	" "
Good middling	9 11-16	" "

Same day last year middling steady at 7c.

Receipts—321 bales; same day last year, 334.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60 cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Firm at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 22@22½ cents; springs, 10@15 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c.

SWEET POTATOES—firm at 40 to 45c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Money on call steady at 4@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484⅜ for demand and 480½@480⅝ for 60 days. Posted rates were 481½ and 485½. Commercial bills 479¾@480¼. Silver certificates 64@65. Bar silver 63¾. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm. U. S. refunding 2's reg'd, 105; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105½; U. S. 2's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138; do. coupon, 138; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 115; do. coupon, 116; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 113¼; do. coupon, 113½; Southern Railway 5's 114¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 81½; Chesapeake & Ohio 41⅝; Manhattan L 113¼; N. Y. Central 142½; Reading 24¾; do. 1st pref'd 69; St. Paul, 136½; do. pref'd, 181½; Southern Railway 23¼; pref'd 72; American Tobacco, 111⅞; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 11⅞; Sugar 140½; do. pref'd 116; T. C. & Iron 64⅜; U. S. Leather 14; do. preferred 75; Western Union 83⅛. Standard Oil 812@815

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rosin steady; Strained common to good $1 75. Spirits turpentine dull at 40½@41c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36½c; sales 739 casks; receipts 982 casks; exports 1,018 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 1,415 barrels; receipts 3,846 barrels; exports 8,374 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The cotton market opened firm, with prices unchanged to five points higher, and though quiet much of the time continued to forge slowly upward after the call, on persistent covering by room and foreign shorts, made difficult by meagre offerings. Small receipts at interior towns and the ports, together with better closing Liverpool cables than expected, did much to decide wavering holders in favor of standing firmly by the bull side over the holiday adjournment. New Orleans and Wall street bought the March and May contracts throughout the early session. The feature of forenoon fluctuations was a fresh bulge in December. That option opened at 10.10, or five points above last night's close, and at once jumped ten points additional, and held at 10.20 during the forepart of the session. Private wires stated that the Southern spot markets were firmer on good demand from shippers and advanced bids from New England spinners. Late in the morning realizing set in and carried prices sharply down. The market closed steady with prices net three points higher to fifteen points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 10 5-16c.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 9.90, January 9.64, February 9.44, March 9.44, April 9 40, May 9 37, June 9.33, July 9.28, August 9.02, September 8.39, October 8.00.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 10 5 16c; middling gulf 10 9-16c; sales — bales.

Net receipts 750 bales; gross receipts 1,693 bales; stock 60,023 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 40,144 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,594 bales; exports to the Continent 7,404 bales; stock 994,614 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 41,144 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,594 bales; exports to the Continent 7,404 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,267,910 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,547,072 bales; exports to France 331,620 bales; exports to the Continent 1,076,434 bales.

December 22.—Galveston, firm at 9 7 16, net receipts 13,533 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9⅝c, net receipts 3,285 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull and irregular at 10 5-16, net receipts 714 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9⅜, net receipts 921 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 10 9 16c, net receipts 40 bales; Savannah, steady at 9 5 16c, net receipts 6,550 bales; New Orleans, quiet and steady at 9 7-16c, net receipts 14,199 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9¼, net receipts 925 bales; Memphis, firm at 9 9 16, net receipts 4,314 bales; Augusta, firm at 9½c, net receipts 1,423 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 823 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Flour was neglected and nominal. Minnesota patents $3 90@4 20; winter extras [illegible] @3 30. Wheat—Spot firm; No [illegible] 78½c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened steady and were sustained most of the forenoon on local covering due to reports of unfavorable crop or other conditions before the markets open again next Wednesday. The close was firm at a partial ⅛c net advance. Sales—March closed 79¼c; May closed 79c; December closed 77c. Corn—Spot dull; No. 2 45⅛c at elevator. Options were inactive and barely steady because of lower cables and larger Western receipts. Closed easy and partly ⅛c net lower. January closed 43⅝c; May closed 41⅞; December closed 46½. Pork steady; family $14 50@15 00; short clear $14 00 @17 00; mess $12 00@13 00. Lard—refined quiet; continent $7 40; South American $8 15; compound 5⅞@6c. Butter—Market closed steady; Western creamery 17@25c; State dairy 16@23; factory 11½@16c. Eggs easier; State and Pennsylvania 25@26c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 18@22½c. Cheese firm; fancy large, fall made 11½@11¾c; small fancy, fall made 11¾@12c. Petroleum—Market dull; refined New York $7 35; Philadelphia and Baltimore $7 20 do. in bulk $4 65. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4¼@5c; other domestic 5c. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra 3⅞@6¼c; Japan 4¼@4⅞c. Tallow firm; city ($2 per package) 4⅞c. Potatoes quiet; prices closed—Jersey $1 00@1 37½; New York $1 25@1 62½; Long Island $1 50@1 75; Jerseys sweets $1 75@2 75. Cabbage steady; Long Island, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 17c. Cotton seed oil inactive but fairly steady without important change: Prime crude in barrels, 27c; prime summer yellow 29½@30c; off summer yellow 29c; prime white 34@35c; prime winter yellow 36@37; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 6⅞; mild—market steady; Cordova 9½@13¼. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test 4⅜c; molasses sugar 3⅝c; standard A $5 40; confectioners' A $5 40; mould A $5 85; cut loaf $6 00; crushed $6 00; powdered $5 70; granulated $5 60; cubes $5 57; refined quiet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Board of Trade markets were dull to day because of the holidays. May wheat closed unchanged. December corn closed 1c. January ⅛c and May ⅛c. lower. Oats closed unchanged and provisions practically at yesterday's final figures.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Cash quotations: Flour dull; winter patents $3 65@3 80; winter straights $3 10@3 60; winter clears $2 90@3 30; spring specials $4 30; do. patents $3 40@3 85; baker; $2 20@2 75; straights $3 00@3 40. Wheat—No 2 spring—c; No. 3 spring 65@71c; No. 2 red 72@74½c. Corn—No. 2, 37¼c. Oats—No. 2 22½@22¾c; No. 2 white 25½@26½c; No. 3 white 24½@26c. Pork, per barrel, $11 12½@11 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 90@6 95. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, $5 87½@6 12½. Short clear sides, boxed $6 65@7 75. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 69¾, 70½, 69¾, 70½c; January 70½@70¾, 70½, 70½, 70⅝@70½c; May 73⅝@73, 73½, 73¼@72⅞, 73c. Corn—December 38@38¼, 38¼, 37½, 37¾c; January 36, 36, 35½ 35⅝c; May 35½, 35⅝, 35⅝@35¾, 35¾c. Oats—December 21⅜@21½, 21⅜@21½. 21⅜@21½, 21⅜@21½; January 21½, 21½, 21⅜, 21½c; May 23⅝, 23⅜, 23½, 23⅜. Pork, per bbl—January $12 22½, 12 22½. 12 17½, 12 20; May $12 12½, 12 15, 12 12½, 12 15. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $7 20, 7 17½, 7 20; January $6 82½, 6 82½, 6 80, 6 80; May $6 90, 6 90, 6 87½, 6 87½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 27½, 6 30, 6 17½, 6 27½; May $6 35, 6 37½, 6 35, 6 37½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 22, 1 P. M.—Cotton—Spot, limited; prices steady; American middling 5⅛d. The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,700 bales American. Receipts 3,600 bales, including 17,300 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet but steady. American middling (l. m. c.) December 5 26 64@5 27 64d value; December and January 5 24 64d seller; January and February 5 21-64d buyer; February and March 5 18 64d buyer; March and April 5 16 64d seller; April and May 5 13-64d buyer; May and June 5 10-64@5 11 64d value; June and July 5 8 64d seller; July and August 5 5-64d buyer; August and September 4 54 64@4 55-64d buyer.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1900.

SCHOONERS.

Preference, (Br), 243 tons, Terfry, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Jno R Fell, 318 tons, Williams, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Robert A Snyder, 358 tons, Outten, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Kingswood, (Nor) 1,209 tons, Hansen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Victor, (Nor) 614 tons, Ostrik, Heide & Co.

Restituta Madre, 567 tons, Asterity, Heide & Co.

Chas Loring, 525 tons, Blatchford, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BRIGS.

Iona, (Br), 196 tons, Barkhouse, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARGE.

Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Jones, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—161 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—153 bales cotton, 50 casks spirits turpentine, 45 barrels rosin, 174 barrels tar, 51 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—1 bale cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 57 barrels rosin, 86 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 9 barrels rosin, 50 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—320 barrels rosin.

Total—Cotton, 331 bales; spirits turpentine, 62 casks; rosin, 111 barrels; tar, 630 barrels; crude turpentine, 51 barrels.

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THE LIMIT PASSED.

One Scheme Which the Girl's Stern Parent Would Not Sanction.

"Please, mamma, please!"

"Papa, I beg of you do not refuse!"

Cordelia Pasdetout clung wildly about her fond but obdurate mother's neck and rained kisses upon her cheeks, while Anastasia, her sister, did likewise to her father.

But their pleading seemed of no avail. The elder Pasdetouts shook their gray heads firmly in negation, though it was evident that the necessity of refusing their daughters' request pained them beyond measure.

Gently, but with decision, as one shakes a hard shelled crab from out a scalp net, the parents disentangled their daughters' arms from their shoulders; then, mastering his emotions, the father said:

"No, Anastasia and Cordelia, what you ask of us is too much! Never before have we refused a request of yours. We have moved from city to city, from state to state, to the injury of my business and the destruction of your mother's health, in order to deceive people as to your ages. For the last ten years it has been nothing but move on for us, for every time the people of one place would begin to suspect your true ages you have insisted on us packing up and going elsewhere, that you might start anew at 22 and 23, respectively. We have submitted to this nomadic life for our love of you, but your most recent demand is too much We absolutely refuse!"

The daughters sobbed like anything. In fact, they sobbed like everything.

But their firm parent remained firm.

"No," continued Mr. Pasdetout: "we will not, absolutely will not, celebrate our silver wedding again in order to prove to people that you two cannot be over 24 at the outside! The idea!"—Harper's Bazar.

TAKE WATER FOR MEDICINE.

A Health Producer Which Is Available Everywhere.

There is no doubt that we do not drink enough. Our bodies consist largely of water, and the average man needs to drink from four to six pints of water daily in order to maintain health. This is the amount of water eliminated from the body by means of the kidneys, the skin and lungs. It is evident that a fresh supply is constantly needed to supply this lost aid in the process of digestion and carry away waste matter.

If the amount of water imbibed is not sufficient for all this, the health must suffer. Air, water and food are the essentials of life in the order given.

A person can fast a long time—experiments have proved this—but that same person could not get along without water for that length of time.

As a usual thing women are the ones who suffer the most from an insufficiency of water. Mothers should see to it that their children have plenty of water to drink.

There is a diversity of opinion regarding drinking at meals. Some assert that the practice is injurious, as it dilutes the gastric juice. Others again claim that a glassful of pure drinking water taken during the process of mastication is healthful. On one point, however, all authorities agree—namely, that ice water is injurious.

Generally speaking, the theory advocated by the best physicians nowadays is to drink often and much. It cleanses the system, increases circulation and helps to make a clear complexion. Therefore, ye men and women, the latter especially, drink. Take clear, pure, sterilized water and be thankful so simple a remedy of nature is near at hand.—Table Talk.

Wanted to Warn Him.

Sir Algernon West tells this story in his "Recollections:" One day the late Sir George Campbell, who had a very strident, loud, rasping voice, called on Sir Algernon, who was then secretary to Mr. Gladstone, to talk over the land question.

After he had been in conversation about three minutes the office keeper appeared, bearing the card of an M. P. who, he said, was very anxious to see Sir Algernon. The latter said he was sorry to be engaged. In another minute he appeared with the card of a well known peer who was most desirous to have a word with him. Again the latter said he was too busy to see him just then. In another minute the man again came in with a huge card saying the lord mayor and sheriffs of London wanted to speak to Sir Algernon West very urgently in the next room.

Sir Algernon apologized to Sir George and went out to such great dignitaries. When he got out of the room, the office keeper startled him by saying, "There ain't nobody here, sir, but I was afraid a madman had been shown in to you by mistake, and I wanted to warn you, sir."

LONGING.

In city walls where dusty blindness stay
I long for woodland paths, sweet breath of pine,
To see again the distant, dazzling line
Of slender, sandy shore. I know today
How fair must lie the sea far, far away
On whose broad breast the sun wrought sapphires shine
And sparkle in the wind that breathes of wine;
How shafts of gold and shifting shadows play
Beneath cool groves that sing a slumber song
And clear bird notes are tingling through and through
The peaceful heart of silence. Ah, I long
For friendly firs that brush against the blue
And each still night to watch the warrior Mars
Review the vast procession of stars!

—Herbert Bashford in East and West.

A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS.

How a Couple Obtained Consent to Their Marriage.

"What on earth are we to do?" cried pretty Lydia Darrell almost tearfully. "I won't marry old Fiebel-Jones—not if all the aunts in the world told me to."

"Marry me and defy the old cat!"

"Yes; that's just what I should like to do, but one must consider things."

"You mean money?"

"Yes; I mean money. You see, if Aunt Judith had any rational ground for objecting to our marriage, if she said you drank or were already married—of course I know you are not—but I am supposing a case"—

"Don't you think you might suppose something a little less uncomplimentary?"

"No; certainly not. What does it matter in supposing? Well, then it would be different, and I should feel that, however wrong she might be, she really meant well. But when she can only say that you are one of the most arrogant opponents of all the noblest and purest aspirations of our sex—which means that she suspects you of laughing at her bloomers—why, then, I know that it is not me that she is thinking of but herself all the time. And she wants me to marry Fiebel-Jones because he flatters her to the top of her bent and calls her a pioneer and all that sort of nonsense."

"Do you think that punching his head would do any good?"

"No; I'm quite sure it wouldn't, or I should have told you to do it long ago. But, for all that, Aunt Judy can do what she likes with all my money until I come of age, and if I marry without her consent before I am 21 all my property goes into trust, with her as trustee, and she can allow me as much or as little as she likes. If Aunt Judith were an ordinary aunt, one might expect that she would come round when she found out what a dear you really are. But I know she would be only too delighted to get the money for her movements and societies, and I should never get a penny. So we must wait till I am 21."

"If I could only get round her in some way. If this was in a novel, there would be dozens of ways. I should drop on her in a railway accident and soothe her last moments with my brandy flask."

"You forget that she is a teetotaler."

"If you had met as many teetotalers as I have you wouldn't bet. I know one who simply wolfs down a trifle that is stiff with brandy and vermuth, though he wouldn't touch either honestly out of a glass, or I might be in the way when her horses bolted."

"Oh, she doesn't keep any!"

"She would in a novel. And I should stop them at the risk of my life, and she would fall on my neck and call me her preserver."

"I should like to see that!" cried Lydia, with a delicious trill of laughter.

"Lyddy, you have no imagination," said Bob Falk, with dignity. "I am sure the scene would be most dramatic, especially if Lady Judy happened to be in bloomers. And her remorse would be so great that she would give me her consent written on a visiting card, or perhaps my shirt cuff, to prevent mistakes."

"How can you talk such nonsense! But you have given me an idea. Couldn't you save her when she is out bicycling?"

"What from? And how am I to find her at the right moment?"

"Well, really I should have thought that a man could have arranged all that in a minute."

"Seems as if the surest plan would be to arrange the accident. One might bribe a tramp to attack her and allow himself to be driven off by one, and then he would probably blackmail me for the rest of my life. Or one might get a generous friend to do the tramp part in disguise, only I can't at the present moment think of any man who would be such a jay. Besides, your Aunt Judy is just the kind of energetic female who would insist on seeing the villain safe in jail after the rescue. Then I should have to give myself up to save him. The plan is not so brilliant as it seemed at first."

"No; it isn't; very far from it. But listen to me. On Monday Aunt Judy starts on a bicycle ride to Scotland alone. She wishes to show that one woman in bloomers can go through the length of England without coming to grief. Now, my idea is that you should accompany her."

"Myes! Do you think she will catch on to the elopement?"

"Oh, she is not to know. I will find out the route she goes by, and you will follow at a distance and keep her in sight. Then if she gets into any difficulties and I feel sure she will—you can rush to the rescue and earn her eternal gratitude."

"Supposing she sees me early in the jaunt and smokes the trick?"

"You must take care she doesn't. If you keep behind her all the time, she won't be able to see you."

Bob Falk was very much in love with pretty Lydia Darrell, and he would have attempted anything that bore the smallest promise of advancing the date of their marriage. Besides, at that moment the young woman of the library, who, knowing them by sight and divining a love affair, had humanely left them alone in the back room for a few minutes, returned with an apologetic and at the same time decided expression.

For one of the results of Lady Judith's harsh policy in ordering that "not at home" was to be said to Mr. Falk and in exercising a strict censorship over the letters received by her niece was that Lydia had hit upon the idea of the library as a meeting place, and Bob put messages in the agony column when he wished to communicate with her. Lydia of course could write to him.

"In consequence of information received," as the police say, Bob Falk started in pursuit of Lady Judith partially disguised in a suit of very old clothes and a peculiarly villainous cheap hat.

By the time the quarry had passed the one hundredth milestone from London Bob was unable to resist an involuntary feeling of admiration for her pluck. She rode hills which most of her sex would have walked. She took no heed of the chaff which from time to time floated round the unaccustomed spectacle of her bloomers. She kept up a steady pace and stuck to her arranged route with an accuracy that materially helped the pursuer.

At the close of the third day, during which she had beaten her previous record, Lady Judith stopped at a wayside hostelry. Hitherto Bob had avoided the hotels which she favored with her patronage, but now there was no help for it. He must either put up in the same building or ride on five miles to the next town.

He thought that if he avoided the front of the house and effaced himself among the people in the bar parlor she would never notice him. After all, if she did she was scarcely likely to suppose that he was there on her account.

He loitered about for some little while in order to give her time to settle down in her place and then walked into the bar. The next minute he emerged again with singular alacrity.

"What the devil am I to do? I suppose they won't have her in the best rooms in that get up, and she's too tired to go on. If I interfere, it is 10 to 1 that I do no good and 40 to 1 that she only hates me all the more for seeing her. It seems brutal to do nothing or at least not to try, but no woman could forgive a man who had seen her in such a plight. By Jove, if there were only some evidence! All's fair in love, especially in a case like this."

He prowled disconsolately to the back of the building, cursing his luck and wondering what he should do. There he hit upon an individual who evidently combined cycling with photography.

A brilliant idea sprang up in his brain. He engaged the amateur photographer in conversation and explained his desire. The kodak changed hands, and so did a gleaming yellow coin. There was some shuffling of new films. Then Bob Falk took hasty snapshots of the back and front of the building in order to divert suspicion from his real purpose. After that he conveyed the kodak to the bar.

Some little time after her return from Scotland Lady Judith received a very singular letter. It ran:

Dear Lady Judith—I have a dozen of the inclosed. What should you recommend me to do with them? Yours truly, ROBERT FALK.

The inclosure was a photograph. She removed the silver paper hastily and saw. Well, you see, when the landlady of that hotel positively refused to admit her to any of the rooms used by ladies on the ground that her costume would do harm to the establishment she had consented to take her meal in the barroom and put up with an attic rather than proceed farther in her exhausted state. She had regretted this weakness ever since. She only hoped that no knowledge of the insult which she had allowed to be heaped upon the cause would come to the ears of her strong minded sisters.

Now she saw before her eyes a visible presentment of the scene—herself in her semimanly garments seated at a small table to the right discussing provisions, to the left a knot of common men and the apparatus of the bar. It was bad enough to be exiled from her proper place. There was the worse thought that by her presence in the bar she had given tacit encouragement to the curse of drink.

Bob Falk married Lydia Darrell with her aunt's consent, and no one could ever make out why Lady Judith changed her mind so suddenly, least of all Professor Fiebel-Jones, who thought himself aggrieved.

Aunt and niece did not see much of each other after matrimony. Madame.

Card Playing In Church.

Frequent cases of card playing occurred in churches in olden days in the high or curtained family pews that were to be found in several parts of this country. A case of card playing was mentioned by the poet Crabbe as having occurred in one of those pews in Trowbridge parish church. Mr. Beresford Hope stated that card playing was not uncommon in churches having curtained pews, where those occupying them were screened from the observation of the rest of the congregation, and that one of the Georges is credited with taking part at a game of whist in the church he attended. The church at Little Stanmore, in Middlesex, has a luxurious room pew which is approached by a special door and staircase. The old St. Paul's cathedral before the great fire of London was used by business men as a sort of exchange. The portico was let out to hucksters, and in those days gambling and cards are both said to have been indulged in without let or hindrance within the cathedral.—London Standard.

Ants Invent a Wagon.

"There are a good many ants of different varieties on the lot at my country place, near Covington, and last year I began to make a systematic study of their habits," says a contributor to the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Near one of my flower beds is a colony of small red ants that are extremely industrious in collecting food, and they frequently perform the most astonishing engineering feats in transporting heavy burdens to their home.

"Not long ago I watched a party of about a dozen who had found the body of a small spider and were dragging it toward the nest. The spider had hairy legs, which stuck out in every direction and caught on obstacles, greatly retarding progress. For several minutes the ants toiled away with their awkward booty and then stopped and seemed to hold a council. A minute fragment of dry leaf was lying on the ground, and presently they all lay hold and pulled the spider on top of it. Then they seized the edges and slid it along without difficulty."

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$365,750 56	Capital Stock	$200,000 00
Stocks and Bonds	1,045 00	Profits less expenses	84 921 46
U. S. Bonds	197,100 00	Circulation	146 650 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	5,680 00	Deposits	434,120 21
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,250 00		
Revenue Stamps	453 00		
Office Furniture	750 00		
Cash on hand and in banks	234,753 11		
Total	$813,091 67	Total	$813,091 67

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	Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.	
TRAIN 38	Leaves Hamlet at 9:30 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon. This train takes passengers at Hamlet from train No. 81 (Florida Limited) leaving Richmond at 10:40 P. M. and arriving at Hamlet at 8:25 A. M.; from train No. 408 leaving Norfolk at 9:30 P. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:10 A. M.; from train No. 38 leaving Atlanta at 9:00 P. M. and Charlotte at 5:42 A. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:45 A. M.	
	Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:27 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 37 from Richmond and points North at 10.27 P. M.; train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9 40 P. M. and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.	
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DAILY 9.35 A. M.—No. 43—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.30 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.23 P. M., Petersburg 5.31 P. M., Richmond 7.35 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M.—No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 5.34 P. M., Warsaw 5.43 P. M., Goldsboro 6.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.32 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.05 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 5.30 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.33 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M.—No. 30—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M.—No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 3.55 A. M., Augusta 7.25 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2 45 A. M., Jacksonville 5.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.17 A. M., Tampa 8.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M.—No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M.—No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †7.00 P. M., New York †9.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.59 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M.—No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 3.55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 5.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.35 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.05 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M.—No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M.—No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A.M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.20 P. M., Columbia 6'40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M.—No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.08 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.30 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Maxton 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.05 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Raeford Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10.18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 5.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 9.38 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.13 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.09 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 2.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.40 A. M., 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.12 A. M., arrive Latta 10.51 A. M., Dillon 10.43 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 4.05 P. M.; arrives Dillon 4.38 P. M., Latta 5.49 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M. Chadbourn 10.50 A. M., arrive Boardman 12.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.35 P. M., Manning 6.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., †7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10.00 M., 9.00 P. M.;

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.

CONDITIONS IN PORTO RICO.

People in Great Distress—Much Sickness and Many Deaths—The Results of Chronic Starvation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 22.—Dr. A. D. Williams, assistant surgeon of the United States army, has arrived from Porto Rico, where he was detailed to make a report on conditions of the people, as observed by him on a march with soldiers across the island. That report was made to the adjutant general, department of Porto Rico, San Juan. A copy of the report was given out to-night by Dr. Williams, and shows an alarming condition.

"At Los Marias," he says, "we began to see the vanguard of misery. In that small squalid town there is no medical man. Many were sick. A Mr. Toncaund, an American school teacher there, told me that many of the people, not only of the surrounding country, but of the town, were in great distress. I asked him the cause of so much sickness and so many deaths. He answered without hesitation, 'for want of food.'"

The report continues:

"At Adjuntas the condition was appalling, men, women and children swollen, bloated, diseased and emanciated whose pinched and haggard features appeared weighted with the sorrows of years. When I asked the city physician of Adjuntas the cause of such a large death rate—fifty-two deaths and four births the week immediately preceding our visit there—he replied: 'The death rate is about the same every week. The prime cause, chronic starvation.'"

Dr. Williams in this report declared that with fourteen patients in the hospital at this place and three nurses, the municipal authorities allow the steward to draw only one dollar a day in municipal stamps for the subsistence and care of the patients and that the stewasd can realize only fifty cents for his stamps and with that amount daily he provides the scanty hospital food.

RIOTING IN ANTWERP.

Conflicts Between Striking Dockmen and the Police—Thirty Men Wounded. Many Arrests Made.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ANTWERP, December 22.—The striking dockmen became more defiant today and their attitude resulted in several conflicts with the police, one of which was serious. During the morning groups of strikers interfered with the men who were coming from the provinces to take their places and in several instances the new men were maltreated.

This afternoon, when an attempt was made to resume operations at the Cokerill wharf, 2,000 strikers attempted to prevent the resumption. The strikers were dispersed by the police with drawn sabres, and under police protection work was begun by the foreign hands. Later, the strikers menaced men who were working upon the steamer Maz and threatened them with death. The workmen were put to flight.

The most serious outbreak occurred at the Cockerill wharf, where the strikers re-assembled and were charged by the police with drawn sabres. The officers used their revolvers also and it is stated that thirty men were wounded, ten of them seriously. Many arrests were made.

NO BOER COLONISTS.

Denial of Reported Emigration from South Africa to the United States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—P. Louter Wessels and Charles D. Pierce, the latter consul general of the Orange Free State, and the former commissioner of the South African republics, issued a statement here to-day, which says, in part:

"Various newspapers have published statements to the effect that colonies or large numbers of Boer people were coming to the United States for the purpose of buying land and settling in this country. This is erroneous There are no colonies of Boers, Boer families nor any considerable number of individuals coming from either of the South African republics to the United States for the purpose of buying lands or settling here. All of these people intend remaining in South Africa, as there is a prospect of a favorable termination of the war. There are very few of the people coming here and the most of them that have been sent here have been sent at the expense of the British government in order to get them out of the South African Republic, and out of the way."

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

In Favor of the Defendant, the Western Union Telegraph Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PAUL, MINN., December 22.—A suit involving several million dollars, the value of the telegraph lines along the route of the Great Northern railway, from St. Paul to the Pacific coast, was decided late this afternoon by Judge Lochren in the United States District Court in favor of the defendant, the Western Union Telegraph Company. Its importance, however, was not alone the amount of money involved, for it was the general understanding that should the railway company have won, all the great railway systems of the country would at the expiration of their contracts with the Western Union Telegraph Company have claimed the ownership of the telegraph lines along their right of way, and either operated them independently or have formed a consolidation which would have been a strong competitor in the telegraphic field.

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THE JOINT NOTE OF THE POWERS.

Text of the Document as Signed by All the Foreign Ministers in Pekin.

"IRREVOCABLE CONDITIONS."

Until Compliance the Powers Can Hold Out No Expectation That the Occupation of Territory Can Be Brought to a Conclusion.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The State Department to day made public the text of the joint note of the Powers to China. The official statement, after reciting China's offences, proceeds as follows:

Inasmuch as China has recognized her responsibility, expressed regret, and evinced a desire to see an end put to the situation created by the aforesaid disturbances, the Powers have determined to accede to her request upon the irrevocable conditions enumerated below, which they deem indispensable to expiate the crimes committed and to prevent their recurrence:

I.

(a) The dispatch to Berlin of an extraordinary mission headed by an Imperial Prince, in order to express the regrets of his Majesty, the Emperor of China, and the Chinese government for the assassination of his Excellency, the late Baron Von Ketteler, minister of Germany.

(b) The erection, on the spot of the assassination, of a commemorative monument, befitting the rank of the deceased, bearing an inscription in the Latin, German and Chinese languages, expressing the regrets of the Emperor of China for the murder.

II.

(a.) The severest punishment for the persons designated in the imperial decree of September 25, 1900, and for those whom the representatives of the Powers shall subsequently designate.

(b.) The suspension for five years of all official examinations in all the cities where foreigners have been massacred or have been subjected to cruel treatment.

III.

Honorable reparation to be made by the Chinese Government to the Japanese Government for the murder of Mr. Sujyama.

IV.

An expiatory monument to be erected by the Imperial Chinese government in every foreign international cemetery which has been desecrated or in which the graves have been destroyed.

V.

The maintenance, under conditions to be determined by the Powers, of the interdiction against the importation of arms as well as of materials employed exclusively for the manufacture of arms and ammunition.

VI.

Equitable indemnities for the governments, societies, companies and individuals, as well as for Chinese who, during the late occurrences, have suffered in person or in property in consequence of their being in the service of foreigners. China to adopt financial measures acceptable to the Powers for the purpose of guaranteeing the payment of said indemnities and the interest and amortization of the loans.

VII.

The right for each Power to maintain a permanent guard for its legation and to put the diplomatic quarter in a defensible condition; the Chinese having no right to reside in that quarter.

VIII.

The destruction of the forts which might obstruct free communication between Pekin and the sea.

IX.

The right to the military occupation of certain points to be determined by an understanding among the Powers, in order to maintain open communication between the capital and the sea.

X.

The Chinese government to cause to be published during two years in all the sub prefectures an imperial decree—

(a) Embodying a perpetual prohibition, under penalty of death, of membership in any anti-foreign society;

(b) Enumerating the punishments that shall have been inflicted on the guilty, together with the suspension of all official examinations in the cities where foreigners have been murdered or have been subjected to cruel treatment; and,

(c) Furthermore, an imperial decree to be issued and published throughout the Empire, ordering that the governors general (viceroys) governors, and all provincial or local officials, shall be held responsible for maintenance of order within their respective jurisdictions, and that in the event of renewed anti-foreign disturbances or any other infractions of treaty occurring and which shall not forthwith be suppressed and the guilty persons punished, they, the said officials, shall be immediately removed and forever disqualified from holding any office of honors.

XI.

The Chinese government to undertake to negotiate amendments to the treaties of commerce and navigation considered useful by the foreign Powers, and upon other matters pertaining to their commercial relations, with the object of facilitating them.

XII.

The Chinese government to determine in what manner to reform the department of foreign affairs, and to modify the court ceremonials concerning the reception of foreign representatives in the manner to be indicated by the Powers.

Until the Chinese government has complied with the above conditions to the satisfaction of the Powers, the undersigned can hold out no expectation that the occupation of Pekin and the provinces of Chili by the general forces can be brought to a conclusion.

Signed by the Ministers.

PEKIN, Dec, 22.—The joint note to China was signed by the foreign ministers at 11 o'clock this morning. It will be presented to the Chinese officials in two or three days.

The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe, despite the signing of the note, which they did not believe would take place, that the principal negotiations must be carried on in Europe or America. They resent the British modification of the note, for, as they say, some Power or Powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity is paid in full, which means the occupation of Pekin for an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China can raise what would be required—possibly 1,000,000,000 taels—at once. As a matter of fact it will take several years.

Li Hung Chang's condition is reported to-day to be so much improved that he was able to be out of bed for a short time.

The cavalry and infantry detachments which have been investigating the reported troubles near Hu Shih-Wu have returned and report that there is nothing to cause alarm. All the trouble, they say, is on the other side of the river, which the allies are not protecting. It was discovered that a party of Catholic Christians had started on an expedition, but its whereabouts is not known.

CANTON, Dec. 22.—The rebels in the Wai-Chon district descend from the hills and pillage the lowlands. The soldiery are unable to prevent their raids.

MONSTER RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

The Movement Inaugurated in New York City—To Usher in the Twentieth Century.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—It was announced to-night that a secret committee meeting was held in this city to-day at which plans were perfected to hold a monster religious revival to usher in the Twentieth Century. This revival is to be the fruition of the plan evolved by the late Dwight L. Moody, which his friends took up and have enlisted in its support the most prominent Christian workers of the country. It is to be national in scope, with New York as the centre. It is to be absolutely undenominational in character and "Christ and the Bible" is the only battle cry.

According to what has been divulged as to the plan, practically every branch of the Protestant Church and all the great religious societies identified with it, are united in the crusade. It will be a gigantic and carefully organized effort by ministers and laymen of Protestant creeds, working together with denominational lines obliterated and differences buried. The leaders banded together as a national central committee are now opening their campaign. The committee includes a majority of the leading evangelical clergymen of Greater New York, besides William R. Moody, son of the dead evangelist; John Willis Bear, of Boston, secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor; John R. Mott, of the International Y. M. C. A.; H. M. Moore, of Boston; L. L. Doggett, of Springfield, Mass., president of training school; General O. O. Howard, of New York, and General J. J. Estey, Brattleboro, Vt.

An appeal has been mailed to all parts of the United States which calls on those to whom it has been sent to immediately and unitedly engage in a campaign for the promotion of a revival of Christianity in every city, town and village at the opening of the twentieth century.

The week of prayer will formally inaugurate the movement all over the United States, but this city will witness the real opening of the campaign.

WIRE TAPPERS' OUTFIT.

Important Seizure Made by the Police in New York City—The Gang Escaped.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—In the seizure of $700 worth of fine telegraph and wire tapping instruments in a room on West 44th street, this afternoon, the police think they just missed the capture of a part of a gang of wire-tappers who have also been narrowly missed by the Chicago, Omaha and St. Louis police. They found a letter which leads them to believe the men intended tapping the Chicago New Orleans Western Union wire, which runs along the elevated structure on Ninth avenue, just along side the house.

A man named Brown, according to Mrs. Rose Moore, of the 44th street house, the landlady, had rented the fourth floor room and had gone in there during the afternoon with a bundle which she said she thought contained his effects. The detectives went to the room at once and though expecting to find something were astonished at their discovery. In the room were seven fine telegraph instruments, a sounder, eight dry batteries, three wire tapping machines, such as are used by telegraphers in tapping wires for breaks and otherwise, and some wire. The stuff was valued at not less than $700, as the instruments are of the finest make.

It was also discovered that a wire led from the room to the elevated structure in the street. The wire in the room was ready for work, but the wire at the other end had not been connected with the Chicago private wire. The police believe they frightened the men off in time to prevent the tapping. Another find was that of a wire rope leading from the street to the window of the room. The police are sure this was a signalling rope, and the one that beat the officers out of their game. They are certain, they say, that the persons or person in the room when they came around to the house, were warned of their coming and that escape was made by way of the roof.

A letter the police found in the room reads as follows, addressed to nobody:

"Don't fail to wire Great Northern Chicago, second signal. If horse is scratched, better substitute another, as it might make some difference in paying, as you know. A false winner is not so easy. Be careful with your ciphers and take the last race of the day. I must hurry in order to catch a train on the Lake Shore. Good luck and be careful."

There were also some clippings from Western papers about wire-tapping outfits having been captured in Chicago and Omaha and St. Louis.

WATERLOGGED AND ABANDONED.

Schooner Leaming, Lumber Laden, from Norfolk for New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 22.—The three-masted schooner Leaming, Captain Campbell, from Norfolk to New York, lumber laden, became waterlogged and was abandoned on the outer end of the Horseshoe during the severe storm of yesterday morning. The Leaming's cargo shifted during the heavy weather, causing her to take water and the vessel filled rapidly. Her crew, who report thrilling experiences, managed to remain on the waterlogged vessel's deck until picked up yesterday afternoon by the schooner W. D. Hilton, Captain Lippincott, from New York, which brought them to Norfolk this morning. The Leaming was found by the tug Walter A Luckenbach and towed into port to day. She now lies on the Berkley flats.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) *News*, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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TRAGEDY IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Frank H. Morris, Auditor, Shot and Killed by Samuel MacDonald, a Clerk.

BOTH MEN ARE FROM OHIO.

After the Murder MacDonald Attempted to Commit Suicide—Shot Himself in the Stomach and Cut His Throat With a Penknife.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Frank H. Morris, of Ohio, auditor of the War Department, was shot and instantly killed about 2:10 o'clock this afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbursing clerk of the Treasury, in the former's office at the Winder building on Seventeenth street. MacDonald, afterward shot himself, and also slashed his throat with a penknife.

Auditor Morris was closeted alone with MacDonald when the shooting occurred and in trying to make his escape, he also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Cusick, with the butt of his revolver. He was arrested while leaving the building. Before being taken into custody, however, he shot himself in the stomach, and also made an ugly gash in his throat with a small penknife. When the officers arrested him, he was heard to exclaim, "I did it." "I know I'm done for."

An eye witness to the latter part of the encounter between the two men stated that upon hearing the sound of the shots he ran into the auditor's office, which he had just left. Upon entering the room he beheld the two men struggling in each other's arms, MacDonald holding his revolver close up to Morris' breast. MacDonald after firing, again attempted to get out of the room, but encountered a number of clerks and employes, which the sound of the firing had brought to the doors, and then turned and fired again. This is believed to have been the fatal shot. Employes who knew MacDonald said he had had a grievance against Morris who he claimed was responsible for having his pay reduced. Others who knew him said that they could not attribute his deed to anything but a diseased brain from over indulgence in liquor.

Frank H. Morris was a native of Cleveland, O. He was well regarded by the Treasury officials, but was not popular with some of the subordinates in his office, who complained that he was unnecessarily harsh in his treatment of them and often exacted more work than they could do. MacDonald is a brother of William H. MacDonald, the well-known baritone singer of the Bostonians, and is said to have educated him for the operatic stage. He is also from Ohio and has been in the government service since soon after the civil war. In February, 1900, his accounts were found short $1,000 and upon being required to make an explanation he claimed that on one occasion he had forgotten to close his safe on leaving his office, and that it had been robbed of the $1,000. He produced evidence which tended to exonerate him from the charge of taking the money and as he immediately made good the amount nothing further was done except to reduce his salary to $1,400 and transfer him to the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department where he was employed at the time of the tragedy. It is stated that MacDonald has been a hard drinker at times and that many of his misfortunes can be traced to this source. He has many friends, however, who regard him as a man of many excellent qualities.

POLICE OF NEW YORK.

The Reform Movement—Chief Devery to Be Put Out of Office.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Senator Platt was in conference with a number of Republican leaders in this city tonight. Among the other things, he said after the conference: "Chief of Police Devery will go within thirty days."

This is to be accomplished, it is said, by means of an amendment to the police bill, which has been approved by the organization, drafted and delivered to Governor-elect Odell. This amendment simply legislates the present chief of police out of office, creating a vacancy which will be filled the commissioner of police, to be appointed under the bill re-organizing the department. There will be no delay about the passage of the single-headed police commission bill, Senator Platt declared.

"No Republicans will oppose the measure," he said. "I think it will be the first bill passed."

CUDAHY KIDNAPPING CASE.

Believed That Some or All of the Gang Will Soon Be Captured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, December 22.—There were no developments of interest to day in the kidnapping case of Edward Cudahy, Jr., who was carried away Tuesday night and held for $25,000 ransom. The discovery of the house in which the young man was imprisoned, however, has also led to other clews which promise something more definite in the near future. From those living in the vicinity of the building the police have secured a good description of the members of the gang and their method of operation, the time they left the city and the direction they took. Mr. Cudahy is taking personal account of all that is being done and watching keenly the developments. He will not talk of the matter, however, beyond stating his belief that the police have the matter well in hand and will soon effect the capture of some or all of the gang.

TROLLEY CARS COLLIDED.

A Number of Persons Injured—Some of Them Seriously.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEBANON, PA., Dec. 22.—Two trolley cars on the Lebanon Valley street railway, crowded with Christmas shoppers, collided to-day between this city and Annville. A number of persons were injured, some seriously. An 18-months old baby was trampled upon by the panic stricken passengers and is not expected to recover. The front part of each car was reduced to splinters and the mortor men saved themselves by jumping.

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IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Chinese Claiming Citizenship of the United States—Mormon Missionaries—Their Doctrine Spreading.

By Cable to the Morning Star

HONOLULU, December 14, via San Francisco, December 22.—Chinese here who were citizens of the republic of Hawaii are preparing to make an appeal against the ruling of the Treasury Department that they were not made citizens of the United States by the territorial bill. They base their appeal on Section 4 of the bill, which says that all citizens of the republic are made citizens of the United States. There are nearly 400 Chinese affected by the ruling of the Treasury Department.

The Mormons of Hawaii have just closed a three days' celebration of the 50th anniversary of the landing of the first Mormon missionaries on Hawaiian soil. The meetings were led by George Q. Cannon, the head of the Church who came here from Utah to take part in the celebration. He was one of a party of ten Mormons who were the first to preach the Utah doctrine in Hawaii, fifty years ago. The doctrine took root quite rapidly among the native Hawaiians and to day there are about 5,000 Mormons in the territory, nearly all of them of the native race.

WARM WIRELETS.

Oscar Aaronson, the bicycle rider, died in New York hospital yesterday from injuries resulting from his fall during the six day race in Madison Square Garden.

A large English tramp went ashore last week between Miami and Key West. She has been gotten off and towed to Key West, the wreckers receiving $12,000 salvage.

The United States battleships Kearsarge and Massachusetts passed out the Virginia capes yesterday morning, enroute to Pensacola Fla., their first stop on their cruise. They will reach there about December 30 or 31st.

The river and harbor bill as it will be reported from the House committee soon after the reconvening of Congress on the third of January, will carry a provision abolishing the Missouri river commission.

The steamship Chattahoochee at Savannah, will carry a full cargo of cotton to New York immediately, for the benefit of December shorts. The steamer will sail Monday with four thousand bales.

The keel for the new cup defender was successfully completed at the Herreshoff's shops yesterday afternoon. The actual work of casting the great mass of upwards of ninety tons took six and a half hours.

General John B. Gordon, commanding the U. C. V., has issued a general order, appointing May 28th and two days following, as the time for the next annual re-union of the veterans, to be held in Memphis, Tenn.

The strikers tried to prevent the loading of the three steamers at the old Bason and were engaged by the police. Some were wounded and the rioters were dispersed upon the arrival of police reinforcements. To night the docks are quiet.

The English tramp steamship Mt. Oswald, laden with coke, which went ashore December 20th at Elbow Key, forty miles south of Miami, Fla., is being unloaded by wreckers. It has been discovered the ship has a large hole in her bottom. There are some hopes of floating her.

As a direct result of the embarrassment of the American National Bank of Baltimore, the Economy Savings Bank, which occupies offices in the same building and whose directorate is largely drawn from the latter's stockholders, also failed to open its doors yesterday morning.

Governor Roosevelt announced last night that he had removed from office Colonel Asa Bird Gardiner, district attorney of New York county, on charges preferred by Deputy Attorney General J. H. Hammond, and had appointed Eugene J. Philbin, of the State county charities, a Democrat, to fill the vacancy.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals adjourned without rendering a decision in the case of ex-secretary of state Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel assassination and sentenced to life imprisonment. This passes the appeal to the new court, which will stand four Republicans to three Democrats.

BANK ROBBERY.

One of the Thieves Captured and the Money Recovered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TULLAHOMA, TENN., December 22.—five men dynamited the vault of the Coffee County Bank, at Manchester, Ky., early to-day. They secured $5,000 in currency, stole a hand car and escaped in the direction of Tullahoma. Shortly after their departure the lone night patrol of Manchester found the bank's door open. He immediately telephoned the authorities. A police man and deputy sheriff, heavily armed, secreted themselves along the railway a mile out. In a short time the hand-car appeared and was ambushed. Four of the thieves succeeded in getting away in the darkness, but the fifth man proved to be the one who carried the treasure, and all the loot was recovered.

Bloodhounds were put on the scent of the other four but they have so far eluded their pursuers.

AN AMERICAN GIRL.

Decree of Absolute Divorce Granted to Countess Marie Pieri.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A decree of absolute divorce has been granted to Countess Marie Pieri, by Justice Lawrence of the Supreme Court, from Count Pompeo Luciano Pieri. The countess is an American girl. She was Miss Marie Schroeder, a daughter of the late H. C. J. Schroder, a wealthy resident of this city. Miss Schroeder and the count were married in Rome, in 1894. They separated in Paris last April and the countess returned to this country immediately and began the proceedings which resulted in the decree of divorce.

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A big line of nice Umbrellas with elegant handles for Holiday Gifts from 50c to $3.00 each. Three lots of New Cloaks received last week. We sell a real nice Melton Cloth Cape, in tan, in up to date styles, at $4 00. Our $6 50, $7.50 and $9 00 are equal to anybody's Cloaks and are 25 per cent less in price. We have a job lot of Cloaks, all black, lined throughout, made well and new style, for $1.75. We have 500 Capes on hand that we want to sell. We have them as low as 35c, fur trimmed, and a nice Cloth Cape with double Cape and Collar, good weight, fur trimmed, at 98c. A Melton Cloth Cape in red, blue, black or tan, at $1.75 and $3.00 each. We have Velvet Capes at $1.00 and $1.50 each. Silk Plush Capes with applique and fur trimming, beautiful goods, at $2.98. Ladies' extra long Silk Plush Capes for $5.00.

Children's Union Suits at 25c; Ladies' Union Suits at 50c. Ladies' Non-shrinkable Vests and Pants at 50c each. Ladies' fine all wool Underwear, in red or white, at $1.00 each. Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, heavy weight, at 25c each. Men's heavy weight Shirts and Pants for 40c; regular 50c goods. Men's heavy Working Shirts, fleece-lined, at 50c each A special job in Boys' Reefer Jackets, nice enough for a king's son and low enough for anybody to buy, at $1.50 to $3 50 each. 50 Men's Mackintoshes with long Capes, waterproof, at $1 39 each. We have 20 dozen Ladies' very fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, slightly damaged, we are selling for 10c. 50 dozen Ladies' All Linen Handkerchiefs for 5c each. We have all grades in Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c. One lot of Silk Mufflers in assrted colors, worth 50c, now 20c 25 dozen Silk Handkerchief—Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs at 10c each, up to Men's Large Mufflers at $1 00 each. 100 pairs white Rose Wool Blankets. The Elkins Mill Blanket, weighing five pounds, at $3.40 a pair. 11-4 six pound blanket, at $4.90. A good part wool Blanket in gray at $1.35. A fine Southern Wool Blanket at 75c. A Heavy Camp Blanket at 85c.

We have 5,000 Christmas cards to sell from 1c to 5c each. 100 Dime Novels to sell at 5c each. A lot of Genuine Sterling Silver Ladies' Brooches to sell at 25c. Five dozen Sterling Silver Trimmed Ebony Handle Toilet Articles at 25c each. Large Comb and Brush Tray at 25c each A big line of Combs and Brushes, Hair Pins and Side Combs; all for Christmas Presents.

The Big Racket Store has laid in a big supply—have a large stock for you to select from, and we want your Christmas trade.

We will sell you goods cheap and punch your card free.

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Xmas Presents.

We have them. All the latest fads in Neckwear. You should see our inch and a half Four-in-Hand. It is strictly swell. Gloves dressed and undressed. Umbrellas for Ladies as well as gentlemen. Also, an elegant line of Canes, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy Half Hose in Silk and Lisle, and lots of other useful articles too numerous to mention. Underwear—wool, camel hair and fleece lined AT COST THIS WEEK. One of our elegant Vicunas, Thibet or Cassimere Suits would be a nice Xmas gift.

M. H. CURRAN, 107 Princess Street.

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